

## APPLY THE SKILLS

### *from Walden • from Civil Disobedience*

1. **Deduce:** What did Thoreau hope to achieve by living at Walden Pond?

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2. **Literary Analysis:** Thoreau's writing style uses sentences that build to a climax. Reread the paragraph in *Walden* that begins "Still we live meanly." Explain how this paragraph is an example of Thoreau's **style**.

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3. **Literary Analysis: Metaphors** are figures of speech that compare two unlike things without using like or as. Use this chart to identify three of Thoreau's metaphors and interpret their meaning.

Metaphor	Things Compared	Meaning

4. **Reading Strategy:** Thoreau claims that the "government is best which governs not at all." **Evaluate the writer's philosophy** by explaining what evidence Thoreau uses to support his claim.

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5. **Reading Strategy:** Evaluate Thoreau's philosophy that people should simplify their lives. Do you agree? Explain.

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